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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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HARUO MACHIDA.)
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Application No.: 10/748,227)
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Filed: December 31, 2003)
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For: DATA PROCESSING)
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APPARATUS, DATA)
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PROCESSING METHOD,)
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AND STORAGE MEDIUM)
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STORING COMPUTER-)
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READABLE PROGRAM : March 8, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,517,622
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,946,471
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,088,804
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,317,116
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,642,943

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Applications:

	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Attorney Docket No.</u>
(6)	09/559,455	Haruo Machida	04/28/00	2173	03500.014455
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All of the documents above were cited in parent Application No. 09/560,184 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these documents. See MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that the information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the attached form PTO-1449.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

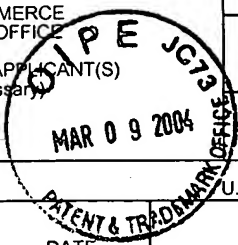
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		5,517,622	05/14/96	Ivanoff et al.	709	206	
		5,946,471	08/31/99	Voohees et al.	709	228	
		6,088,804	7/11/00	Hill et al.	713	201	
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